



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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League Executive Board

4th Meeting - Monday 26 April 2021 – 7.00pm by Zoom

Note of meeting

Present: David Ward (Acting Chair), Mark Beardshall, Ashley Boothman, Chris Froggett, Maurice Gilliatt, Liz Lazenby, Steve Ward, Nelson Windle, Graham Swallow (secretary)

Apologies: Terry Bateman, Ian Cotterhill, Matt Summerhill

1. **Welcome.** DW opened the meeting and welcomed all present.
2. **Matters arising from last meeting.** None.
3. **Equity & Diversity Group representative's report**
 - i. NW asked if the survey could be distributed to clubs by the League – it was agreed that Steve Taylor should be contacted to do this.
 - ii. NW confirmed that the Terms of Reference had now been finalised.
4. **Safeguarding Manager's report.** MG confirmed that no issues had come to light since the last meeting, but Lindsay Pepper and himself were still trying to obtain details from some clubs. He also mentioned that the safeguarding officer at Oughtibridge CC was leaving the area, and a replacement would be required. DW suggested that he contact Denis Smith.
5. **Participation Manager's report.** LL reported that twelve clubs has signed up for either hardball or softball, with some taking part in an informal league. She stated that it was hoped to organise festivals for women & girls during the season.
6. **Umpires' Representative's report.** DW said that there had been a few teething problems with the 'new' umpires and captain's reports, but these were now being resolved.
7. **Treasurer's report.** AB confirmed that copies of the latest update had been sent to the LEB, and that it had been a busy month with invoices being sent to clubs for subscriptions and cricket balls. He said that quite a few clubs had not paid, and a reminder would be sent. DW raised a few queries which were answered by AB.
8. **Premier Section report.** MB confirmed that the latest meeting scheduled for 12 April had been cancelled. SW reported that the first round of the Viking Cup will take place on Monday 3 May, with the Whitworth Cup on Sunday 16 May. SW to let clubs have balls.

9. **Senior Section report.** DW confirmed that minutes of the last meeting had been sent out, and that the ground inspection of De La Salle was pending.
10. **Compliance Manager's report.** CF reported that 13 overseas players had now registered, and of those, seven were amateurs & six professionals, with four resident in the UK. He said that the registration form has now been digitised by Steve Taylor. Clubs were being helpful with quarantine regulations and no issues have arisen.
- MB asked what would happen if an overseas player registered as an amateur was found not to be so. CF said that the player in question would be in breach of league rules, but that action could only be taken if hard evidence was available.
11. **Competitions Manager's report.** MS had emailed alternatives for the Premier T20 Blast and the Senior T20 Plate and asked for recommendations. Option 2 for both was agreed and sanctioned by the LEB. A note will be sent to clubs informing them of the changes which are due to the current Covid restrictions.
12. **YCB update.** IC had said that he would provide a written update.
13. **Chair and ECB update**
- i. The Pontefract League MOU has now been finalised and signed, and MS has been asked to speak to Paul Kemp regarding the applications by Ackworth (two teams), Hatfield Town (two) and Barnby Dun (two), as agreement is required by 30 April.
 - ii. SW confirmed that the Sponsorship sub-group have not met.
 - iii. MS has recommended a meeting take place between the LEB/Premier Section committee/Senior Section committee in the near future.
14. **Other Business.** The following points were raised:
- i. *Trophies* – DW suggested that only trophies in use should be valued. These are currently in situ at M S Sports, Rotherham. DW to ask AB to arrange a valuation and check which trophies are currently insured.
 - ii. *SYSCL 2020 medals* – DW suggested these be disposed of, and this was agreed. The logo for any new medals will be as on the website, letterhead, etc.
 - iii. *Covid feedback* – DW confirmed there had been a few issues, especially where grounds were offering hospitality, and there were different regulations. Clubs were to be reminded that changing rooms must be kept locked except for access to toilets. NW stated that some players had not sanitised in a recent game where he officiated. DW said that umpires could only ask players to do so, but ultimately it was their responsibility.
 - iv. *Communications* – DW reported that a sub-group had met to discuss the recent issues and group emails. Melvyn Bond suggested we use Play-Cricket in future to distribute emails to clubs and/or individuals, confirmed that attachments could be added, and training would be given. He said that this system would only work, however, if the details of club officials were kept up to date. This would then help to prevent duplication of emails/information being sent to clubs. DW suggested that a weekly bulletin for all but the most urgent information for clubs would be issued by the website manager each Thursday. This was agreed.

- v. *Handbook* – GS confirmed that the handbook had been printed by a different company, and the cost saving was substantial. He asked if anyone had any issues with it and none were reported. GS has the surplus copies.
- vi. *YCSPL tie* – GS confirmed that a sample tie had been ordered and would be available in two weeks.
- vii. *Website* – Fixtures/Results/Live Scores/Tables – CF asked if it was possible to simplify the procedure for accessing this information, referring to the Bradford League website as an example where they are shown on the home screen. It was agreed that the access details should be included in the newsletter.
- viii. *Approaches to players*. CF said he was dismayed that after two games a player had been approached by another club for his services for season 2022, and that he had proof of this. DW confirmed that a YCB rule was in place and MB reiterated that rules should be followed regarding this.
- ix. *Clubmark* – SW stated that new rules were currently being overhauled and that he would discuss with Gareth Davis.

15. **Date of next meeting.** Monday 24 May 2021 at 7pm by Zoom.

Meeting closed at 8.24pm